



Weekly Crop & Weather Roundup



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Week Ending November 14, 2010

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Excellent Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 6 days suitable for field work. Across the state the weather was mild and favorable to completing field work. While there was some frost reported in the state for the week, it did not prohibited farmers from working in the fields, as the weather has in weeks past. Primary field activities included planting of fall cover crops, completing harvest of corn and soybeans, and plowing fields. Fall plowing continued, and is 86% complete, ahead of last year's 74%, and the five year average of 83%.

PA Topsoil Moisture for Week Ending November 14, 2010

Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
3	8	81	8

Crop Progress: Corn is 90% harvested, ahead of 59% from a year ago and the 78% average. Barley is 95% emerged, slightly behind last year's 96% and the average of 98%. Winter wheat is 96% planted, ahead of last year's 90%, and about the same as the average of 96%. Winter wheat is 82% emerged. This is ahead of last year's 80%, but behind the average of 85%. Soybeans are 92% harvested ahead of the previous year's 68% and the average of 78%. The grape harvest is complete, at 100% completed, ahead of last year's 86%, and the average of 97%.

Crop Condition: State-wide winter wheat conditions are; 0% very poor, 0% poor, 12% fair, 79% good, and 9% excellent. Pasture conditions are; 15% very poor, 9% poor, 56% fair, 18% good and 2% excellent.

Nationwide as of November 07, 2010: While above average temperatures dominated the western half of the United States, cool, wet weather throughout much of the Delta, Southeast, and along the Atlantic Coast benefitted drought-stressed pastures and recently seeded winter grain crops. Most notably, locations along the Gulf Coast from eastern Texas to eastern Louisiana received rainfall totaling 2.5 inches or more. Elsewhere, dry

weather on the central and southern Great Plains aided summer row crop harvesting, but negatively impacted the establishment of the 2011 winter wheat crop.

Corn: With harvest winding down across much of the Great Plains and Midwest, progress advanced just 5 percentage points during the week. Nationally, producers had harvested 96 percent of the Nation's corn crop by week's end, 61 percentage points ahead of last year and 23 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average.

Winter Wheat: By November 7, winter wheat producers had seeded 95 percent of the 2011 crop, 9 percentage points ahead last year and 3 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Mostly ideal weather conditions allowed for rapid crop emergence across much of the major producing areas of the country during the week. By week's end, 82 percent of the winter wheat crop had emerged, 10 percentage points ahead of last year and 3 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Overall, 45 percent of the winter wheat crop was reported in good to excellent condition, down slightly from ratings last week and 18 percentage points below the same time last year.

Sorghum: By week's end, 89 percent of the country's sorghum crop was harvested, 38 percentage points ahead of last year and 18 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Across the central Great Plains, where warm, sunny weather throughout much of the harvest season aided a rapid fieldwork pace, progress was 43 percentage points or more ahead of last year and 25 percentage points or more ahead of the 5-year average.

Weather Data For Week Ending November 14, 2010

Station	Last Week Weather Summary						April 1 - November 14, 2010					
	Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
	High	Low	Average	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest												
Erie	64	29	43	-3	0.00	0	27.77	-0.47	92	3,254	607	5,304
Franklin_AG	66	26	43	0	0.00	0	28.02	-1.62	95	2,957	548	4,955
Meadville-Port	67	30	47	6	0.00	0	28.50	-1.69	102	2,909	705	4,935
Mercer	68	26	44	3	0.00	0	27.28	-0.94	104	2,995	611	5,031
Springboro	67	24	42	-3	0.03	1	32.84	5.64	104	2,671	84	4,622
Warren	67	26	43	3	0.00	0	23.43	-6.70	88	2,776	453	4,752
North Central												
Bradford Region	64	21	41	4	0.00	0	26.39	-3.40	91	2,140	485	3,988
Oswayo	66	18	38	-1	0.00	0	29.46	0.99	98	2,142	306	3,967
Kane	64	21	40	2	0.00	0	26.41	-4.14	85	2,123	509	3,959
Laporte	60	25	40	-3	0.02	1	30.48	2.88	103	2,522	145	4,438
Lock Haven	64	24	42	-1	0.00	0	26.67	-0.37	77	3,199	668	5,261
Port Allegany	64	19	41	3	0.00	0	25.95	-2.52	95	2,387	551	4,291
Renovo	63	24	42	-2	0.00	0	25.88	-1.16	88	3,064	533	5,118
Ridgway	68	21	41	2	0.00	0	25.10	-4.21	98	2,381	496	4,302
Stevenson Dam	65	25	42	3	0.00	0	25.74	-3.57	79	2,893	1,008	4,922
Towanda	62	23	40	-2	0.00	0	24.12	1.07	81	2,772	374	4,758
Wellsboro	64	21	40	2	0.00	0	27.12	4.03	83	2,282	502	4,192
Williamsport	64	25	44	1	0.00	0	26.84	-0.37	79	3,537	745	5,665
Northeast												
Hawley	64	21	41	-1	0.05	1	31.51	5.36	78	2,490	449	4,420
Wilkes-Barre/Sc	62	26	44	1	0.00	0	20.85	-4.38	72	3,325	678	5,393
Susquehanna	63	25	41	3	0.23	1	29.21	0.95	93	2,688	765	4,660
West Central												
Butler	69	24	43	1	0.00	0	29.50	1.85	88	2,950	447	4,980
New Castle	68	25	44	2	0.00	0	27.48	1.99	80	3,357	851	5,427
Slippery Rock	68	24	43	3	0.00	0	25.78	-1.52	92	3,132	890	5,192
Central												
Altoona/Blair	62	26	45	2	0.00	0	26.41	1.79	85	3,237	572	5,327
DuBois	65	26	45	5	0.00	0	22.95	-4.89	93	2,852	575	4,881
Lewistown	65	25	45	2	0.00	0	25.83	-0.53	73	3,459	529	5,588
Middletown	62	31	47	2	0.00	0	27.36	1.07	66	4,067	739	6,253
Prince Gallitzi	65	20	43	2	0.08	1	28.24	-3.10	78	2,571	442	4,580
Selingsgrove	61	24	42	-2	0.00	0	21.87	-5.59	68	3,292	572	5,371
State College	61	27	44	2	0.00	0	22.77	-2.14	72	3,253	642	5,338
East Central												
Allentown-Bethel	65	23	45	0	0.00	0	33.85	5.36	69	3,590	554	5,707
Lehighton	60	26	43	-2	0.00	0	29.98	1.47	76	3,117	192	5,191
Matamoras	65	25	43	0	0.16	1	29.19	0.38	74	2,817	204	4,830
MT_Pocono	62	27	42	5	0.07	1	31.17	-0.02	89	2,736	991	4,715
Southwest												
Pittsburgh/Alle	68	28	47	5	0.00	0	23.08	-2.78	84	3,700	1,008	5,822
Indiana_PA	66	28	45	2	0.00	0	27.69	-2.45	96	2,985	377	5,039
Myersdale	67	19	40	-4	0.00	0	22.66	-6.62	83	2,308	-190	4,231
Mount Pleasant	67	24	42	1	0.00	0	24.81	-5.79	71	3,119	861	5,159
Pittsburgh Intl	67	26	45	2	0.00	0	22.16	-1.83	78	3,594	774	5,693
Connellsville	71	26	44	-1	0.00	0	27.14	-1.16	93	3,474	595	5,568
Waynesburg	70	22	43	-1	0.00	0	24.31	-1.85	68	3,223	626	5,269
South Central												
Biglerville	63	35	48	3	0.00	0	23.52	-1.56	60	3,700	446	5,834
Everett	65	20	43	0	0.00	0	24.54	0.30	75	3,014	356	5,075
Hanover	63	23	44	-3	0.00	0	24.97	-0.11	66	3,674	420	5,798
Harrisburg_AP	63	27	46	1	0.00	0	31.01	4.72	70	3,931	593	6,103
South Mountain	60	26	43	-2	0.00	0	24.00	-0.62	68	2,975	322	5,013
York	63	22	44	-3	0.00	0	27.06	0.53	69	3,633	380	5,756
Southeast												
Green Lane	64	30	46	1	0.00	0	29.25	1.60	71	3,721	829	5,873
Hamburg	63	29	46	4	0.00	0	31.15	-0.95	75	3,612	1,005	5,744
West_Chester	65	24	45	-3	0.01	1	33.43	3.40	65	3,624	383	5,755
Lancaster	63	27	46	1	0.00	0	27.15	-0.64	68	3,817	751	5,964
Neshaminy Falls	65	26	46	1	0.08	1	22.42	-9.14	64	3,831	807	5,990
New Holland	65	30	46	2	0.00	0	29.13	1.34	72	3,815	749	5,966
Philadelphia	66	37	50	3	0.00	0	25.43	-1.26	66	4,669	1,096	6,916
Philadelphia NE	66	33	48	1	0.04	1	22.12	-4.57	76	4,302	729	6,516
Reading	65	27	47	3	0.00	0	26.12	-3.44	72	4,066	1,066	6,245
Sellersville	66	22	44	-2	0.02	1	29.81	2.16	71	3,423	531	5,504
Willow Grove	66	32	49	4	0.01	1	26.98	-4.58	65	4,099	1,075	6,303

DFN = Departure from normal (using 1961-90 normals period).

Precipitation (rainfall or melted snow or ice) and pan evaporation in inches.

Precipitation days = days with precipitation of .01 inch or more.

Air temperatures in degrees fahrenheit.

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REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.

ADAMS COUNTY, Judy A Behney

Adams County had a nice week of weather. Corn and soybeans continue to be harvested in the county. A fair amount of corn and soybeans still to be harvested. Producers are not able to continue harvesting as mills are limiting producers to how many loads can be delivered, which is slowing harvest. Some producers are still seeding wheat if they had the seed already purchased. There has been a report that wheat seed supply was short this fall and not available. All fruit harvest for the year has been completed. Producers will start to trim their trees here in next few weeks. Overall, the producers are still busy in the fields and preparing for the winter months that are not too far away.

CENTRE COUNTY, Tim Craul

Soybean moisture is getting low...11-13% in Penns Valley but test weight is good.

CENTRE COUNTY, Dick Decker

It was a good week for fall field work.

CLARION COUNTY, Tom Tanner

Farmers spreading lime. Corn harvesting is about done. Clarion, Venango, Forest, and Warren County corn yields were well above normal compared to last year.

FRANKLIN COUNTY, Thomas Kerr

Frost and freezes over night were common this week. Sunny dry days though allowed for corn to dry and harvesting to be completed. With most of the corn now harvested and fodder baled, growers are now focusing on winter preparations.

INDIANA COUNTY, David B. Overdorff

All of the soybeans have been combined. Farmers have been both picking and shelling corn. Need another week like last week to finish up the corn. Everyone have a great and safe week of farm work!

MERCER COUNTY, James P. Rust

Very little corn is left to be harvested. Plowing and chisel plowing is at full speed ahead in our area. Many of the Amish are even plowing - rather than waiting until spring.

PERRY COUNTY, David L. Swartz

The last week has been free of precipitation with warm, sunny afternoons. This has allowed crop producers to finish all field operations, including completing soybean harvest, baling corn fodder, spreading manure, and harvesting a 6th cutting of alfalfa. Cattle are still on pasture, as the moderate weather is allowing for some (slow) pasture grass growth.

SNYDER COUNTY, William C. Sheaffer

The weather during this week has provided ideal conditions for harvesting and late haymaking. Very little of the corn had to be dried. This fall has been one to be truly thankful for.



PA Crop Progress for Week Ending November 14, 2010

Crop	Current Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Fall plowing	86	74	83
Corn, harvested	90	59	78
Barley, emerged	95	96	98
Wheat, planted	96	90	96
Wheat, emerged	82	80	85
Soybeans, harvested	92	68	78
Grapes, harvested	100	86	97

PA Crop Condition for Week Ending November 14, 2010

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Wheat	0	0	12	79	9
Pasture	15	9	56	18	2

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